



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2017 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS:

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Saturday 7:00 am  
No 8:00 am Mass for Summer

### HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:

Check Bulletin For Mass Times

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00 am Mass concluding at 2:00 pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50 am

## CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; and 3:45 pm to 4:20 pm on Saturday

## ROSARY

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Church



# Angel Appeal



Fly with your angel wings to support our outstanding school. Thank you for your generosity!



**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

**CLERGY & STAFF**

**Rev. Robert J. Reiker** Pastor  
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**Mr. Josh Knauer** Maintenance

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**Mrs. Amy Ruggeri** Cafeteria Manager

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Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish and School

**Twitter**  
@SRAtoday

**MyParishApp**  
Text 'App' to 88202

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, August 28th**

3:10 pm - Cafeteria 6th Gr. Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm - Guardian Angel St. V. de Paul

**Tuesday, August 29th**

1:30 pm - Parish Office Bible Study  
3:15 pm - Church Children's Choir Prtc.  
6:30 pm - Gym Palmer Music Parent Meeting  
7:00 pm - Church Rosary Recitation

**Wednesday, August 30th**

9:00 am - Quilters' Room Quilters

**Thursday, August 31st**

3:15 pm - Art Room Chess Club  
7:00 pm - Church Contemporary Music

**Friday, September 1st**

3:00 - Tobias Room Marian Award Mtg.

**Saturday, September 2nd**

7:00 am - Church Mass  
4:30 pm - Church Mass

**Sunday, September 3rd**

8:00 am - Church Mass  
10:00 am - Church Mass  
7:30 pm - Gym Basketball



**PARISH INFORMATION**

Registration of New Members: Please call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptismal instructions and to arrange a Baptismal date.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date to begin the Church process of marriage preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Please call the Parish Office for information.

## FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

### READY TO INQUIRE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? NOW IS THE TIME!

Our St. Raphael program that prepares individuals to join the Catholic Church is soon to begin – on Wednesday, September 13, at 7pm, in the Parish Office lower level meeting room. This is the **R.C.I.A.**, or more fully, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you or your spouse (or friend or neighbor) are interested in what is involved in joining the Catholic faith, this is an evening not to be missed. At this time we will explain the nine-month-long process or “rite” for adults to be brought into the Catholic Church. This session is the beginning of the “Inquiry Period” of the R.C.I.A., from September through November. Absolutely no commitment need be made by the inquirer during this time; only at the end of November is the first step taken for becoming Catholic.

If you have any questions about this excellent program, give me a call or email me, or you can contact Dennis Matreci, who directs the R.C.I.A., at 314.681.3002. I pray for the Lord to guide your mind and heart concerning this opportunity.

**St. Raphael members, be sure to reach out to non-Catholic neighbors, friends and relatives.**

### SRA ANNUAL “ANGEL APPEAL” FOR OUR ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL



This week you should have received a letter with an appeal from me and St. Raphael the Archangel School Family to help our parish grade school with an extra generous gift and your devout prayers. We very much need both. The previous annual goal for this “Angel Appeal” was \$70,000 from SRA parishioners who made an extra gift to help support our school meet its annual budget. This year, due to a decrease in enrollment, we are setting the goal at \$95,000 to cover some of the lost tuition. This is meant as a challenge to those who have the means to make a somewhat greater commitment, if possible, to keep our school and our parish operating with a balanced budget.

Please read the cover letter, and respond as soon as possible with a pledge or a gift to the Angel Appeal. Be an “angel” for the 208 little angels in our elementary school and our pre-school. Fly with your angel wings and drop your Angel Appeal letter of intent into the collection or at the Parish Office. Thank you to all of our generous past contributors, and the SRA school family and I will be grateful for your gifts for this year. God bless you!

### NEW 2017-2018 SRA PARISH PHONE DIRECTORY – COMING IN THE MAIL SOON!

Our parish staff has worked hard to prepare the annual parish directory, with its thorough description of the 66 (!!!) different ministries or organizations that are an active part of the life of St. Raphael Parish. We have more to offer than much bigger parishes I know of that have only 60 groups. We have a very, very active SRA parish family with many people wearing several hats and serving in a variety of ways, using their valuable time and talents. From your pastor: Thank You!!!

P.S. Also please check your name, phone number, and email address to see if it is correct; if not, please call the Parish Office, so that we do not make the same mistake again.

### WANT TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO HEAR THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS?

Come to my “Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study” from 1:30-3pm, in the Tobias Room of the Parish Office – almost every Tuesday! Just bring a Bible and we provide a handout for each Sunday’s readings. No need to come every week; come when you can!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Growing old is no more than a bad habit that a busy person has no time to form.

**SERVERS FOR AUGUST 28/SEP. 3**  
**Monday/Tuesday- August 28th/29th**

7:00 am Christian Concepcion  
 Miranda Sullenger  
 8:00 am Sean Madden Billy Madden

**Wednesday/Thursday - August 30th/31st**

7:00 am Grace Goeddel Lucille Schlichting  
 8:00 am Thad Berta Addie Berta

**Friday - September 1st**

7:00 am Henry Cyr Mateo Switzer

**Saturday - September 2nd**

7:00 am Henry Cyr Mateo Switzer  
 4:30 pm Isabella Pfeiffer Eva Thompson  
 Mia Thompson

**Sunday - September 3rd**

8:00 am Lydia Bick Abby Stein  
 Jack Stein  
 10:00 am Samantha Koziacki Joey Raymo  
 Madalene Cierpiot

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 27th**

8:00 am Ernie Winkelmann  
 10:00 am People of the Parish

**Monday, August 28th**

7:00 am Jane Bottini  
 8:00 am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.

**Tuesday, August 29th**

7:00 am Nancy Whelan  
 8:00 am Jane Horas

**Wednesday, August 30th**

7:00 am Don Jaeger  
 8:00 am Nancy Whelan

**Thursday, August 31st**

7:00 am Judy Svetanics  
 8:00 am Mary Ellen Cross, SI

**Friday, September 1st**

7:00 am Joann Ahrens, SI

**Saturday, September 2nd**

7:00 am Ralph Raskas  
 4:30 pm People of the Parish

**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2/3**

**4:30 pm                      8:00 am                      10:00 am**

**LECTORS:**

Laura Geiser                      Amy Ruggeri                      Joan Billing

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Kathy Steck	Carol Hughes	Joe Zulich
Pam Hager	Beverly Whitworth	Dan Harbaugh
Kathe Berger	Mary Niemeyer	Mary Alice Goedeker
Nancy McCarthy	Joyce Holmes	Amy Schisler
Gina Hora	Mary Reck	Lori Ashmore Ruppel
Brian McCarthy	Barbara Cramer	Matt Fuhr
		Anna Skidmore

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST 19/20, 2017**

Sunday Collection	\$6,135.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,425.00
<b>Weekly Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,560.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$64,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual</b>	<b>\$57,456.00</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$( 6,544.00)</b>

**GIVE  
 ONLINE**

To access our Online Giving Portal, go to:  
[straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving](http://straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving). It's  
 quick and easy!

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

8:00 am Mass Only

Sunday, September 10

Alumni Mass

Saturday, September 16

St. V. de Paul Collection Truck

Saturday, September 30

SRA Parish Feast Day Mass and Dinner

Sunday, October 8

Men's Club Golf Tournament

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THRIFT STORE DONATION TRUCK

It's time to declutter and discard! The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store's donation truck will be on St. Raphael's parking lot on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We collect used furniture, household items and appliances, clothing, toys, tools, and more. No computers, TVs or mattresses, please. To request pick-up of large items, call the Thrift Store at 881.6000. Thanks and happy cleaning!

### ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

SRA is looking for all alumni and updating the records. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf. The e-mail address is: [alums@strapharelarchangel.org](mailto:alums@strapharelarchangel.org). This is a new e-mail address that will be monitored for updates or you can call the Parish Office.



Bible Study is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. The Bible is an incredible book of history that proves there is a God who created all things. Most important of all, the Bible is the Word of God. It contains His will for each one of our lives. No need to sign up; just come and join in.

### MEET FOR EXERCISE AT ST. RAPHAEL

All are welcome to join the St. Raphael exercise class beginning Wednesday, September 6. We meet two or three times per week to do some cardio, weightlifting and stretching. We work out to music, but you can work out at your own skill level by changing step height, using weights or not using weights.

We normally meet Mondays at 6:00 pm or Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, and Saturdays at 8:00 am.

The class lasts about 45 minutes.

We have plenty of weights and steps, so you only need to bring some water and a towel or yoga mat. The cost of the class is a \$30 donation to the SRA Ladies' Club.



If you send me an email, I can add you to our email list. I try to put out a schedule every month and remind everyone about the class during the week. We are a friendly bunch participating purely to exercise and enjoy each other's company while doing so. We would love for you to join us. If interested, send me a note at [beppy11@gmail.com](mailto:beppy11@gmail.com).

### ROSARY RECITATION

The Rosary helps us to be conformed in Christ, because no one was more conformed to Him than his Mother, Mary. To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Mary. SRA invites any and all to pray the Rosary each week on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Church. *May Mary hold your hands and help you along the great and sublime paths.*

# De Angelis - SRA Children's Choir

TUESDAYS

BEGINNING AUGUST 29, 2017

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 CHURCH



A parish children's choir is being formed! Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays with the choir singing one Saturday a month at the 4:30 pm Mass. All school age children are invited to attend in grades 3 and up. There is no audition, but there is a commitment needed to attend rehearsals and the scheduled liturgies. The beginning calendar is located on the website.

All are welcome to come and praise God in joyful song!

Please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon to register:

[musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org)

314-352-8100 x220



## WEDDING BANNS I

There is a promise of marriage between Katie Lowe and Tim Nielsen to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 16, 2017.



## ADULT CHOIR

The SRA Adult Choir will begin its Fall Season on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in church. All are welcome to be a part of the choir for our 50th Jubilee Celebrations this coming year. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, x220 or [musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org).

## *St. Raphael the Archangel School News from Mrs. Hayes*

Last week, we experienced two outstanding events. Thank you to all the volunteers who planned and organized the Watermelon Festival. The food, music, and games were enjoyed by all. Then the students at St. Raphael were able to experience the wonder and awe of the Solar Eclipse this past Monday. It was great to see the excitement of the students and parents as they shared the eclipse as a family. This was truly a memorable way to begin a new school year. How blessed were we to be located within the path of a total eclipse!

We had a successful full week of school. The students and teachers seem to be adjusting to the rhythm of the school year. The week ended with our first PTA Parent meeting on Friday. Thank you to the PTA for hosting this event.

Have a blessed week,

Mrs. Hayes



### IN MEMORIAM


Please pray for the soul of Frank Schlueter who passed away on August 15, 2017. Mr. Schlueter is the father of SRA's Maintenance Supervisor, "Mr. Bob" Schlueter. Funeral was held at St. Clare Church in St. Clair, Missouri on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Please keep Mr. Bob and his family in your prayers and pray for all the souls of the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

### LUNCHEON FOR LIFE

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home is hosting its annual Luncheon for Life – Thursday, September 21, 11:00 am, at Wine Country Gardens in Defiance. The luncheon features one-of-a-kind silent auction items, a unique boutique and specialty jewelry designed by residents of Our Lady's Inn Pay It Forward Program. Tickets are \$45, (after September 15, tickets are \$55.) For information, visit [ourladaysinn.org](http://ourladaysinn.org) or call 314.736.1544. Our Lady's Inn is an emergency shelter serving pregnant women and their children.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hosts 8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk

St. Gabriel's and St. Raphael's Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) will co-sponsor this event to help those living in poverty in our neighborhoods. On Saturday, September 30, we will begin gathering at 8:30 am on the church steps of St. Gabriel, we will pray together, then will start off on the fun walk at 9:00 am. Our 2-mile walk will take us to St. Raphael and through some of the neighborhoods of both our parishes, before returning to St. Gabriel's for light refreshments. The cost for participating is a voluntary amount, and all proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people in our area served by SVdP; no administrative fees are associated with the event. Anyone interested in participating or making a pledge can visit [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org) and indicate the parish conference you wish to assist. You may also sign up on-site the day of the walk. For questions, contact Lynette Olwig (St. Gabriel) at 314.591.1784 or Mary Reck (St. Raphael) at 314.353.8697. Won't you walk with us to serve the poor?



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
**BICENTENNIAL MASS**  
 A LANDMARK CELEBRATION UNDER THE GATEWAY ARCH

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Saturday, September 23, 2017


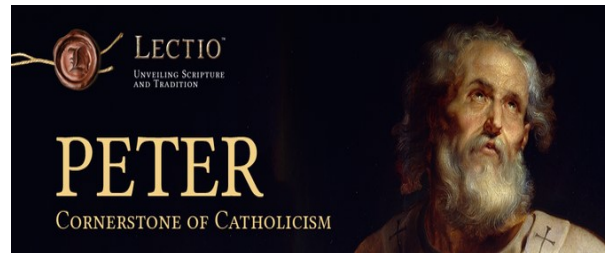
Saint Louis University will launch 14 months of bicentennial celebrations with a special Mass, entertainment, food, family activities and fireworks under the Gateway Arch. Join with the whole St. Louis community on celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in our area.

Mass begins at 5:30, with entertainment and fireworks to follow.

For updated details of the event, visit [slu.edu/bicentennial](http://slu.edu/bicentennial).

To register for this free event, go to [alumni.slu.edu/bicentennial](http://alumni.slu.edu/bicentennial).

This truly will be a Landmark Celebration for St. Louis.

***DO YOU EVER GIVE SIMON PETER  
 A SECOND THOUGHT?***

Do you think you know everything there is to know about the obscure fisherman whom Jesus entrusted to lead His whole church? If not everything, do you know enough?

If we take a little time to dig deeper into understanding Peter's relationship with Jesus, there is much to be learned about how the trust he placed in Jesus changed his life. And if we learn to follow his example, it can change our lives, too.

Join fellow parishioners this fall to learn through Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition how God used Peter's strengths to build His church and how Peter persevered in spite of his weaknesses.

In a video series by Dr. Tim Gray, we will go on a journey into the life of one of history's most compelling characters, bringing together biblical stories, historical knowledge, solid Church teaching, and Dr. Gray's personal insights. You will come away with a fresh perspective and most likely a new respect for Peter, our first pope. This is a Bible study you have never experienced before.

Join us on Tuesday evenings this fall from 7:30 to 9pm.

Watch the bulletin for more details, or call Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304, with questions.

**From ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we realize that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. This past quarter, through your gifts, the St. Raphael Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting many families: providing \$886 in food vouchers, \$4,800 for utilities, and \$400 for rent. We were also able to give \$700 to neighboring conferences to help with outstanding bills. Thank you so much for your generous support!

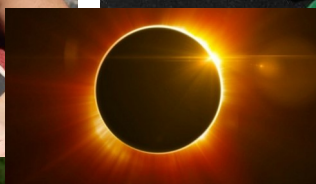




# Last Week's Watermelon Festival



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## Solar Eclipse 2017





# Saint Louis LIFETEEN

## ATTENTION ALL SRA EIGHTH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, August 30, from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg as we start our new fall series. Hope to see you there!

### FALL RETREAT!

We are excited and grateful to be taking any interested 9-12th graders on a fall retreat, October 20-22. More information and sign-ups can be found at [saintlouislifetten.org/fall-retreat](http://saintlouislifetten.org/fall-retreat).

See [saintlouislifetten.org](http://saintlouislifetten.org) for more information.



**MEN of CHARACTER  
& ACCOMPLISHMENT**

## VIANNEY WELCOMES 8th GRADERS INTERESTED IN BEING A GRIFFIN!

Students will be paired with a current Griffin, experiencing our innovative and hands-on curriculum, Family Spirit and lunch in the world famous Griffin Café!

Visits begin September 1<sup>st</sup>, so we hope to see you very soon!

*To sign up online:*

Go to our Visit Vianney page at [www.vianney.com](http://www.vianney.com) and check out the online calendar. Once you find the open date that works for you, scroll down, and click on the "Schedule a Visit" icon. Complete the online form and submit it! You'll receive a call from our Admissions Department to confirm your day.

If parents have questions or would like a tour from our Admissions Director, please call Monica Sabatino at 314.965.4853, Ext. 134 or via email at [msabatino@vianney.com](mailto:msabatino@vianney.com).



# ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

## ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY WELCOMES 8th GRADERS!

Spend the day with an Angel! St. Joseph's Academy is now taking reservations for the 8th-Grade Shadowing Program this fall. Spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors while attending classes, touring the school and meeting new friends. We even buy your lunch! To schedule your day at St. Joe, please visit [www.sja1840.org](http://www.sja1840.org) or call 314.394.4300.



# Ursuline ACADEMY

Discover the power within **U**

Spend the day at UA! Ursuline Academy invites 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to experience a day filled with academic excellence, faith, and sisterhood. We would love to have you meet our students and staff—and lunch is on us!

Join us and see what is new at UA! Please call 314-984-2882 or register online to schedule your visit at [www.ursulinstl.org/visit](http://www.ursulinstl.org/visit).

## NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES 8th GRADERS!

Notre Dame High School is now accepting appointments for 8th-grade girls to shadow. Students will have the opportunity to shadow a Notre Dame Ambassador, meet teachers and administration, and enjoy lunch in our café. Shadow visits take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (8:00-1:00). To arrange your visit, contact Katie Mallette at 314-544-1015 x 1104 or [mallk@ndhs.net](mailto:mallk@ndhs.net). Families may also visit [www.ndhs.net/admissions](http://www.ndhs.net/admissions).

